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Rabenberg assumes senior NCO role for recruiting battalion

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – Command Sgt. Maj. Corey Rabenberg, of Platte, assumed responsibility of the senior noncommissioned officer position in the South Dakota Army National Guard's Recruiting and Retention Battalion during a ceremony at the Sioux Falls National Guard Armory, April 8.

Rabenberg assumed duties from Command Sgt. Maj. John Mallinger, of Hartford, who served in the position since November 2013.

"I'm extremely excited to have been given the opportunity to serve as the command sergeant major for the battalion," said Rabenberg. "Throughout my career, I've been fortunate enough to have great mentors and leaders that have taught me the value of working with other people and building relationships. Those are qualities I'm excited to take with me into this new position and serve the Soldiers of the SDARNG."

As the unit's senior enlisted leader, Rabenberg is responsible for advising the unit commander on all aspects of the battalion's enlisted Soldiers, providing them guidance and mentorship, and assisting in ensuring the nearly 50-member unit is prepared to execute its mission to recruit and retain quality Soldiers for the SDARNG.

"South Dakota is recognized nationally for its excellence in maintaining its strength and readiness," said Rabenberg. "I look forward to working with Recruiting and Retention NCOs, state commands and national leadership to showcase the quality, professionalism and expertise of the Soldiers we have in the SDARNG."

Rabenberg joined the SDARNG in November of 1991 as a 12C bridge crewmember with the 854th Engineer Company in Wagner.

In August 1995, he served as a unit admin clerk at the 200th Engineer Company in Pierre and later in the 109th Engineer Battalion in Sturgis.

By April 1998, Rabenberg transferred to the Recruiting and Retention Battalion and held numerous positions throughout the state to include recruiting NCO, Southeast Team NCOIC, first sergeant and operations sergeant.

Rabenberg graduated from Armour High School in 1991 and Dakota Wesleyan University in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a minor in Behavioral Science.

Rabenberg is married to his wife, Michelle, and they have three children.

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170408-Z-ZZ999-0001: U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Corey Rabenberg, left, receives a ceremonial saber from Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Mettler, as he assumes responsibility of the senior noncommissioned officer position in the South Dakota Army National Guard's Recruiting and Retention Battalion during a ceremony at the National Guard armory in Sioux Falls, S.D., April 8, 2017. Rabenberg assumed duties from Command Sgt. Maj. John who served in the position since November 2013. (U.S. Army National Guard photo)



170408-Z-ZZ999-0002: U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Corey Rabenberg address Soldiers from Detachment 2, Recruit Sustainment Program Company, during a change of responsibility ceremony for the Recruiting and Retention Battalion, South Dakota Army National Guard, at the National Guard armory in Sioux Falls, S.D., April 8, 2017. Rabenberg assumed the duties as the battalion's senior enlisted member from Command Sgt. Maj. John who served in the position since November 2013. (U.S. Army National Guard photo)

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